IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28, 30 and 46, amend claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 42, and add new claims 47-50 in accordance with the following listing showing the status of all claims in the application.

1.   (Currently Amended) A processor-based method for addressing an email message, the processor-based method comprising:

defining at least one auxiliary criterion by accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information ~~in addition to~~ other than information in an email address;

using the auxiliary criterion to identify a group of email addresses by querying at least one database to identify individuals who satisfy the auxiliary criterion; and

sending the email message to the email addresses within the identified group,

wherein the signal is included within an address field for the email message.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining at least one auxiliary criterion includes a substep of

using a processor to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion.

4.   (Currently Amended) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the ~~identified~~ email ~~address~~ addresses is part of a search request.

5.   (Currently Amended) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the identified email address addresses is part of an addressing request.

6-7   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently Amended) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the group of email addresses is identified by a local processor communicating with an external database remote from the local processor, and wherein the auxiliary criterion is used by the local processor to access information in the external database.

9.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a corporate database.

10.   (Previously Presented) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes an enterprise database that stores organizational information.

11.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a remote database accessed via the Internet.

12.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a manager's name.

13.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a department name.

14.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a company division name.

15.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes an identification of a project.

16.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes an identification of a meeting.

17.   (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a geographic location.

18-36   (Canceled)

37.   (Previously Presented) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the signal from the user input device comprises a text string including a relational expression that defines the group.

38.   (Previously Presented) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the group is generated automatically based on a query.

39.   (Previously Presented) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a human resource database.

40.   (Previously Presented) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a facilities database.

41.   (Previously Presented) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the defining, using and sending steps are performed by an email client.

42.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable process steps for addressing an email message, the process steps comprising:

defining at least one auxiliary criterion by accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information ~~in addition to~~ other than information in an email address;

using the auxiliary criterion to identify a group of email addresses by querying at least one database to identify individuals who satisfy the auxiliary criterion; and

sending the email message to the email addresses within the identified group,

wherein the signal is included within an address field for the email message.

43.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the group of email addresses is identified by a local processor communicating with an external

database remote from the local processor, wherein the auxiliary criterion is used by the local

processor to access information in the external database.

44.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the

signal from the user input device comprises a text string including a relational expression that

defines the group.

45.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the

group is generated automatically based on a query.

46.   (Canceled)

47.   (New) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the defining step is

performed by an email client, and wherein the auxiliary criterion specifies at least one of:

geographical location information, employment information, manager information, project

information, meeting attendance information, department information, company division

information and organizational information pertaining to an intended email recipient.

48.   (New) The processor-based method of claim 47, wherein the group of email

addresses is identified by the email client communicating with a database that is external to an

email system of which the email client is a part.

49.   (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the defining step is performed by an email client, and wherein the auxiliary criterion specifies at least one of: geographical location information, employment information, manager information, project information, meeting attendance information, department information, company division information and organizational information pertaining to an intended email recipient.

50.   (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 49, wherein the group of email addresses is identified by the email client communicating with a database that is external to an email system of which the email client is a part.